



TEMPERATURE CONTROLLERS... PORTABLE CHILLERS... CENTRAL CHILLERS... PUMP TANK STATIONS... TOWER SYSTEMS...

**SUBJECT: MODBUS™ RTU & MODBUS™ TCP/IP COMMUNICATIONS & COMPONENTS**

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Modbus™ RTU is an industrial communication protocol developed in 1979 used to establish master slave/client server communication between intelligent devices. It is the most widely used network protocol in the industrial manufacturing environment.

Modbus™ TCP/IP (Ethernet) is the common transport protocol of the Internet and Modbus™ TCP/IP can provide a reliable data transport mechanism between machines. Ethernet has become the standard of corporate enterprises and is becoming more common for factory networking. Using Ethernet TCP/IP in the factory allows true integration with the corporate Intranet and systems that support the factory.

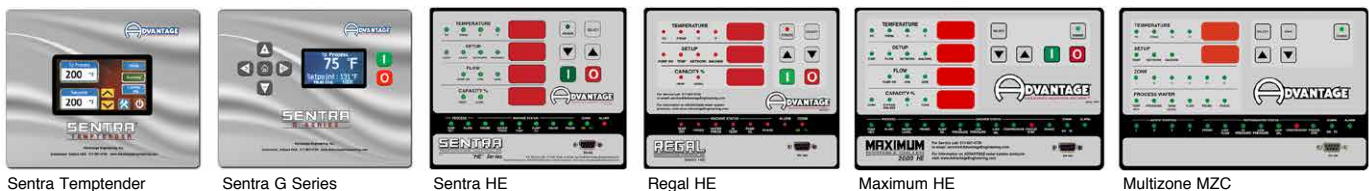
For more information visit [www.modbus.org](http://www.modbus.org).

**ADVANTAGE** has implemented Modbus™ RTU communication on Sentra Temptender, Sentra G, Sentra HE, Regal HE, Maximum HE and central chiller Multizone (MZC) instruments. The physical connection is made using the standard RS-485 port.

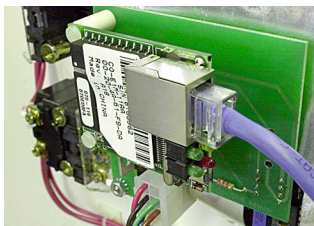
**ADVANTAGE** has also implemented Modbus™ TCP/IP on Sentra Temptender, Sentra G, Sentra HE, Regal HE instruments and central chiller Multizone (MZC). A circuit board is attached to the standard instrument to convert the Modbus™ RTU to Modbus™ TCP/IP. An industrial grade RJ45/IP67 connector is generally provided on the unit to easily connect to the plant network. A variety of connectors can be supplied to meet customer needs and facility standards.

The Modbus™ RTU and Modbus™ TCP/IP interface allows the instrument to communicate with a variety of devices including primary processing equipment controls, PLC's and many more. Modbus™ can communicate information including setpoint, retransmit of setpoint, actual temperature, deviation alarm, sensor failure and remote start/stop. (Remote start/stop via Modbus is not available on Multizone MZC instruments.)

The Modbus™ TCP interface can be configured to any user IP/Subnet. Configuration is achieved using a utility program that runs on Windows™ based PC's. Download at <http://www.lantronix.com/products/deviceinstaller/>. Refer to Advantage FYI #330 for installation instructions of the Lantronix utility.



Advantage instrument with Modbus™ TCP/IP add-on circuit board.



Close up view of the Modbus™ TCP/IP connection and circuit board.



RS-485 communications port used on Advantage Instruments for SPI and Modbus™ RTU communications.



Example of industrial grade RJ45/IP67 port connection for Modbus™ TCP/IP network interface.

**Modbus / TCP Register Definitions for Sentra Tempender, Sentra G and Sentra HE**  
 Rev 1.1

**Notes:**  
 IP Address 200.0.0.203 (typical)  
 Subnet Mask 255.255.255.0  
 Gateway none

SKT, SKG, SKHE Protocol RTU  
 SKT, SKG, SKHE Address 1  
 SKT, SKG, SKHE Baud Rate 96

The following Modbus/TCP communication functions are supported.  
 0X Commands FC1 - Read Coils  
 1X Commands FC2 - Read Inputs  
 4X Commands FC3 - Read holding registers  
 3X Commands FC4 - Read input registers  
 0X Commands FC5 - Write Coil  
 4X Commands FC5 - Write single register  
 4X Commands FC16 - Write multiple register

Register	Coil	Use	Range	Units	Notes										
Temperature Setpoint	1	R/W	0-250	F											
Temperature Setpoint 2	2	R/W	0-250	F											
Temperature High Alarm	3	R/W	0-50	F											
Temperature Low Alarm	4	R/W	0-50	F	Deviation Value										
Flow Low Alarm	5	R/W	0-99	GPM	Deviation Value										
To Process Temperature	6	R	0-255	F											
From Process Temperature	7	R	0-255	F											
To Process Flow Rate	8	R	0-99	GPM											
Process Status	9	R													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
						Lo Flow				Lo Temp	Hi Temp.	Alarm Machine	Alarm Process	Alarm	Pump On
Machine Status 1	10	R													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
	Phase Wrong	Heater Fail	Pump O/L			Lo Flow		Lo Press		Lo Temp	HTL Switch	Alarm Machine	Alarm Process	Alarm	Pump On
Machine Status 2	11	R													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
											Sensor Fail	Alarm Machine	Alarm Process	Alarm	Pump On
Reserved	12	R													
Reserved	13	R													
Reserved	14	R													
Heartbeat - Value is period On followed by period Off	15	R													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
											16 second				1 second (coil 97)
Machine control	16	R/W													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
														Alarm Ack.	Machine ON / OFF

**Modbus / TCP Register Definitions for Regal HE**  
Rev 1.1

Register	Coil	Use	Range	Units	Notes										
Temperature Setpoint	1	R/W	32-500	F											
Unused	2														
Temperature High Alarm	3	R/W	0-30	F	Deviation Value										
Temperature Low Alarm	4	R/W	0-30	F	Deviation Value										
Unused	5														
To Process Temperature	6	R	32-500	F											
From Process Temperature	7	R	32-500	F											
Unused	8														
Process Status	9	R													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
										Lo Temp	Hi Temp.	Alarm Machine	Alarm Process	Alarm	Pump On
Machine Status 1	10	R													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
	Phase Wrong		Pump O/L					Lo Press		Lo Temp	HTL Switch	Alarm Machine	Alarm Process	Alarm	Pump On
Machine Status 2	11	R													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
											Sensor Fall	Alarm Machine	Alarm Process	Alarm	Pump On
Reserved	12	R													
Reserved	13	R													
Reserved	14	R													
Heartbeat - Value is period On followed by period Off	15	R													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
											16 second				1 second (coil 97)
Machine control	16	R/W													
Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
														Alarm Ack.	Machine ON / OFF

**Notes:**  
 IP Address 200.0.0.203 (typical)  
 Subnet Mask 255.255.255.0  
 Gateway none  
 RTU 1  
 Regal HE Protocol 96  
 RKHE Address 1  
 RKHE Baud Rate 96

The following Modbus/TCP communication functions are supported.  
 0X Commands FC1 - Read Coils  
 1X Commands FC2 - Read Inputs  
 4X Commands FC3 - Read holding registers  
 3X Commands FC4 - Read input registers  
 0X Commands FC5 - Write coil  
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